

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by **Representative William Van Regenmorter**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Van Regenmorter, Schuitmaker, Newell, Nofs, Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Jones, David Law, Rocca, Lipsey, Condino, Adamini, Bieda and Virgil Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative McConico.

Representative Condino moved to adopt the minutes of the **June 1, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Bieda**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Van Regenmorter laid **HB 4797, HB 4799** and **HB 4800** before the committee:

HB 4797 Elsenheimer Criminal procedure; preliminary examination; right to preliminary examination for certain crimes; eliminate.

HB 4799 Van Regenmorter Criminal procedure; preliminary examination; right to preliminary examination for certain crimes; eliminate.

HB 4800 Van Regenmorter Criminal procedure; preliminary examination; right to preliminary examination for certain crimes; eliminate.

TESTIMONY

Mike Cox, Attorney General, representing the Office of the Attorney General, testified in support of the legislation.

F. Martin Tieber, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, testified in opposition to the legislation.

David Gorczyk, Oakland County Prosecutor, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, testified in support of the legislation.

Kyle Higgs Tarrant, Chief Judge of the Seventieth Judicial District of Michigan, representing herself, testified in opposition to the legislation.

Ron Frantz, Ottawa County Prosecutor, testified in support of the legislation.

Erv Portis, Chief of Police, City of Jackson Police Department, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, testified in support of the legislation.

Jeff Sauter, Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, testified in support of the legislation.

Representative David Law moved to excuse absent members from committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Jones**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Representative William Van Regenmorter, Chair
House Standing Committee on Judiciary
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Committee Clerk
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1 hour 45 minutes